

EMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

American Citizen Newsletter

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Calling All Kids: Interview the Ambassador!

Ever wanted to ask Ambassador Mushingi anything? Are you a kid age 17 and younger?

Next month's newsletter will feature a Q&A-style interview with Ambassador Mushingi, with questions asked by U.S. citizen children living in Burkina Faso. If you're a kid age 17 or under think of anything you've ever wanted to ask the Ambassador: How do you become an Ambassador? What's your favorite food? What's the longest plane ride you've ever been on?

To submit your questions, send an email to consularouaga@state.gov with "Ambassador Newsletter Q&A" in the subject. We welcome questions from U.S. citizen children age 17 and under. Make sure to include your first name and your age. We look forward to your questions!

Coming Soon: The Presidential Election

The presidential election is heating up back home. But just because you live overseas doesn't mean you can't vote if you're a U.S. citizen who will be 18 years or older on Election Day (November 8).

First, make sure that you're registered to vote as an absentee voter overseas. You can do that by completing the [Federal Post Card Application](#) and sending it to local election officials in your last U.S. residence. Don't forget that you can request that your blank absentee ballot be sent to you electronically—useful for those of us who aren't accustomed to quick mail delivery.

And finally, what happens if you don't get your ballot in time? All registered U.S. citizens can vote using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). This is a back-up ballot for overseas voters that lets you vote for all federal offices (President/Vice President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. Representative.) Some states even allow voters to use the FWAB to vote for state and local offices.

Go to FVAP.gov to download the FWAB and print it out. Your ballot—either from your state or the FWAB—can be dropped off at the embassy's consular section to be sent to the U.S. Some states—you can check out FVAP.gov to see which ones—even allow ballots to be submitted electronically.

Provided Services

The Consular Section provides the following routine services for U.S. citizens in Burkina Faso:

- Passport application and renewal
- Notarial services
- Consular Reports of Birth Abroad
- Consular Reports of Death Abroad

To schedule a non-emergency service, contact the Consular Section to schedule an appointment.

Hours

Consular Section

Monday to Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

Non-Emergency Citizen Services

Monday and Thursday, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm,
by appointment

Phone Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Friday, 10:00am to 12:00pm

Embassy Ouagadougou is closed during U.S. and Burkina Faso holidays.

Upcoming Dates

July 4: Independence Day (U.S.)

July 6 (TBD): Aid-Al Fitr/Ramadan (Burkina Faso)

August 5: Independence Day (Burkina Faso)

August 15: Assumption (Burkina Faso)

September 5: Labor Day (U.S.)